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SUBJECT: MUGABEAJS STATEMENT ON US AND UK EFFORTS ON RHODESIA

REF: A) MAPUTO 1096 B) DAR ES SALAAM 3695

1. EMBASSY OBTAINED COPY OF STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL.
PRESS STATEMENT ACTUALLY MADE IN DAR PRIOR TO MUGABE'S
DEPARTURE FOR MAPUTO.

2. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF STATEMENT
REALIZING THAT THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT THEY HAVE TRIED TO
NURTURE IS IRRETRIEVABLY COLLAPSING, THE ANGLO AMERICANS
ARE NOW ENGAGED IN ANOTHER CLANDESTINE GAME OF CONTRIVING
YET ANOTHER INTERNAL AGREEMENT WHICH LEAVES REBEL SMITH
AS THE CHIEF MANIPULAR BUT MERELY RESHUFFLES THE POSITION
OF ESTABLISHED STOOGES.

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THE ANGLO AMERICANS IN COLLABORATION WITH REBEL LEADER
IAN SMITH HAVE BEEN ASSIDOUSOUSLY SCHEMING TO BREAK THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR EVIL
PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A NEO COLONIALIST STATE IN ZIMBABWE.
INDEED THEY HAVE NOW GROWN MUTE ON THEIR ANGLO AMERICAN
PROPOSALS AND THE ACCEPTABLE PRECONDITIONS THEY PRESCRIBE.
NAMELY.

A) THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE SMITH REGIME AND ITS FORCES
AS APREREQUISITE TO THE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS.

B) THE RECONHNITION OF OUR LIBERATION FORCES AS A BASIS
OF A NEW ZIMBABWEAN NATIONAL ARMY.

WE WISH TO WARN THAT NO MANEUVERS SECRET OR OPEN, THAT
SEEK TO PRESERVE THE SMITH REGIME UNDER ONE GUISE OR
ANOTHER CAN EVER GAIN OUT ACCEPTANCE. NOR CAN ANY OTHER
DEAL WHICH TRIES TO CIRCUMVENT THE SACRED PRINCIPLE OF
TRANSFERRING TOTAL POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND
AIMS AT INSTALLING PARTICULAR LEADER OR LEADERS. OUR
BITTER STRUGGLE HAS BEEN PEOPLE ORIENTED IN OBJECTIVE
AND AIMED ESTABLISHING A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE PEOPLE
HAVING BECOME MASTERS OVER THEIR DESTINY ARE ALSO
MASTERS OVER INDIVIDUALS. IN BRIEF OUR LEADERS MUST
BE THE RIGHTFUL CHOICE OF OUR PEOPLE AND NOT A CONSPIRATORIAL
IMPOSITION OF THE ANGLO AMERICANS, IAN SMITH AND
THEIR WILLING AGENTS.

WE DEMAND THAT THE ANGLO AMERICANS IMMEDIATELY DESIST
FROM TRICKERY AND CHICANERY AS A METHOD OF NEGOTIATIONS.
WE WHO ARE NGAGED IN ARMED STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERTION
WISH TO ASSURE THEM THAT EITHER THROUGH WAR ALONE
OR THROUGH WAR CULMINATING IN NEGOTIATIONS THERE CAN ONLY
BE ONE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION- A TRSNFER OF UNFETTERED
POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER TO OUR PEOPLE.
THIS IS OUR MEANING OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF A INDEPENDENT
ZIMBABWE. UNTIL THAT IS ATTAINED, THE WAR WILL
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